

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2020 Food Scraps/ Organics Collection and Diversion Working Group via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A

Next meeting: N/A, final scheduled meeting for this working group

Prepared by: Chelsey Hahn, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting started at 1:00pm.

Co-chairs Katie Dykes, DEEP Commissioner and Ronald McDaniel, Mayor of Montville provided opening remarks, and outlined the goals of the meeting.

II. Committee Reports

Robert Isner, DEEP outlined the findings from the working group process and the legislative pathways, for the next steps in this process. After the discussion of the legislative pathways section Katie Dykes opened up the floor for dialog about those topics and what would be most helpful and important to communicate to legislators. Robert then provided an overview of the DEEP actions and the Municipal actions related to food scraps and organics collection and diversion as a result of this process.

III. Roundtable

Working group members discussed the radius of the law and all other possible changes to the Commercial Organics Recycling law. There was concern that the mileage in the law leaves too many folks out and that expanding the mileage would also be hurtful due to cost. A discussion continued around the infrastructure needs for more processing and the constraints for rural areas. Municipalities need funding for pilot programs or other collection systems. A discussion around a mandate for diverting organics and adding organics as a designated recyclable and the need for infrastructure. Regionalization and contracts with haulers were also a topic of discussion. Home composting was also of interest among the working group members.

Other discussion included next steps, including upcoming meeting dates and a reminder to join the meeting in January.

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public were asked to use the “chat” feature or the “raise hand” feature to indicate if they wanted to make a comment.

The members of the public shared that compostable bags and contamination or “bad habits” and behavior change is an issue that is important to consider. A comment mentioned creative reuse centers as an example of public private partnership.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:56pm

Attachment A

Host Details					
Attended	User Name (Original Name)				
Yes	Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)				
Panelist Details					
Attended	User Name (Original Name)				
Yes	Ron McDaniel - Montville (Ron McDaniel)				
Yes	Barbara Bettigole - Salisbury/Shar on TS Recycling Advisory Comm (BarbaraBettigole)				
Yes	Peter Brunelli - DEEP (PeterBrunelli)				
Yes	Robert Martin - Canton				

	(RobertMartin)				
Yes	AndrewDroney				
Yes	Andrew Droney - CT House Republican Office (AndrewDroney)				
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Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)				
Yes	KoriWisneski				
Yes	BudMcAllister				
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Yes	John Phetteplace - Stonington (JohnPhetteplace)				
Yes	Jen Heaton-Jones (Jen Heaton-Jones)				
Yes	Carol Bufithis - Middlefield (CarolBufithis)				
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Yes	Catherine Matzul - DEEP (CatherineMatzul)				
Yes	Janice Plaziak - Guilford (JanicePlaziak)				

Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer - RiverCOG (JaniceEhle/Meyer)				
Yes	JanSpiegel				
Yes	Jan Spiegel - CT Mirror (JanSpiegel)				
Yes	Joe DeRisi - Hamden (joeDeRisi)				
Yes	Betsey Wingfield - DEEP (Betsey Wingfield)				
Yes	Katherine Bruns - West Hartford (KatherineBruns)				
Yes	Scott Kalb - Greenwich Waste Management Committee (ScottKalb)				
Yes	Virginia Walton - Mansfield (VirginiaWalton)				
Yes	AlysonFinnegan				
Yes	JerryGeci				
Yes	Robert Isner - DEEP (Robert Isner)				
Yes	Terri Christenson - Harwinton (TheresaChristenson)				
Yes	Ali Ghiorse - Greenwich Waste Management				

	Committee (AliGhiorse)				
Yes	jeanspeck				
Yes	Jean Speck - Kent (jeanspeck)				
Yes	SallyKatz				
Yes	Caren Harder - DEEP (Caren Harder)				
Yes	JulieCammarat a				
Yes	Katie Dykes - DEEP (Katie Dykes)				
Yes	Pamela Roach - SCRCOG (PamelaRoach)				
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Yes	VictorBenni				
Yes	Dave Aldridge - SCRRRA (DaveAldridge)				
Yes	Laura Hoydick - Stratford (LauraHoydick)				
Yes	MistyBeyer				
Yes	James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)				
Yes	Sherill Baldwin - DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)				
Yes	Kim O'Rourke - Middletown (KimO'Rourke)				
Yes	Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (Chelsey Hahn)				
Attendee Details					
Attended	User Name (Original Name)	City	State/Province	Organization	

Yes	Barbara Bettigole	Lakeville	AL	Salisbury/Shar on Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee	
Yes	John Pizzimenti	Enfield	CT	Murphy Road Recycling LLC	
Yes	Tammy Thornton	Wilton	CT	Wilton Go Green	
Yes	Samantha Dynowski	Hartford	CT	Sierra Club CT	
Yes	Peter Brunelli	Hartford	CT	CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)	
Yes	Robert Martin	Canton	CT	Department of Public Works	
Yes	Andrew Droney	Hartford	CT	CT House Republican Office	
Yes	Stephanie Compton	Baltimore	MD	Leave No Waste	
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Yes	Kori Wisneski - Middletown (Kori Wisneski)	Middletown	CT	Middletown	
Yes	Bud McAllister	New London	CT	Partners in Healthy Communities	
Yes	BudMcAllister				
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Yes	John Phetteplace	Stonington	CT	Town of Stonington	
Yes	Carol Bufithis	Middlefield	AL	Middlefield Selectperson	
Yes	Catherine Matzul	Oakdale	CT	DEEP	
Yes	Janice Plaziak	Guilford	CT	Town of Guilford	
Yes	Saranda Alka	Wolcott	CT	CTLCV	
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer	Essex	CT	RiverCOG	
Yes	Jan Spiegel	Branford	CT	CTMirror	

Yes	joe DeRisi	hamden	CT	Town of Hamden , Ct.	
Yes	Brian Paganini	Southington	AL	Quantum Biopower Southington, LLC	
Yes	Katherine Bruns	West Hartford	CT	Department of Public Works	
Yes	Scott Kalb	Greenwich	CT	First Selectman's Waste Management Committee	
Yes	Virginia Walton	storrs	CT	Town of Mansfield	
Yes	April Regan	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & Recycling	
Yes	Alyson Finnegan - Essex (Alyson Finnegan)	Essex	CT	Town of Essex	
Yes	Jerry Geci - Litchfield SMART Task Force (Jerry Geci)	Litchfield	CT	SMART Task Force	
Yes	Debra Darby	Gloucester	MA	Tetra Tech	
Yes	Debra Darby				
Yes	James Woulfe	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC	
Yes	James Woulfe				
Yes	Theresa Christenson	Harwinton	CT	Town of Harwinton	
Yes	Greg McCarron	Suffern	NY	SCS Engineers	
Yes	Ali Ghiorse	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Waste Management Committee	
Yes	Jean Speck - Kent (jean speck)	Kent	CT	Town of Kent	
Yes	Sally Katz	Wethersfield	CT	Town of Wethersfield	
Yes	Julie Cammarata	New London	CT	CGA	

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Yes	Jeff Martirano	Sandy Hook	CT	Barton and Loguidice Engineers, PLLC	
Yes	Pamela Roach	SCRCOG	CT	SCRCOG	
Yes	Pamela Roach				
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR ENVIRONMENT	
Yes	Luis de la Parte				
Yes	Victor Benni - Old Saybrook (Victor Benni)	Old Saybrook	CT	Town of Old Saybrook	
Yes	Dave Aldridge	Gales Ferry	CT	SCRRA	
Yes	Laura Hoydick	Stratford	CT	Town of Stratford	
Yes	Ryan Hughes	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC	
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Yes	Misty Beyer - Fairfield (Misty Beyer)	Fairfield	AL	Fairfield Solid Waste and Recycling	
Yes	kevin spinella	new britain	CT	GBA	
Yes	Kim O'Rourke	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown CT	
Yes	Ashley Zane	Hartford	CT	CBIA	
Yes	Ashley Muspratt	Northampton	MA	CET	